



# HIV/AIDS Monitoring Report

Department of Health and Human Services

Data through December 31, 2005

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## A New Era in HIV Epidemiology

Soon, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection will immediately be reportable by name in the state of California. Since July 2002, HIV has been reported using a non-name code. The new reporting system will be much like the way we report AIDS cases. One of the primary catalysts for the bill, authored by Nell Soto (D, San Bernardino), is an expected change in how the federal government allocates Ryan White Care Act funds for HIV/AIDS care and treatment to state and local governments. SB 699 will bring California's current reporting system into line with national reporting norms by utilizing a name-based system like those currently in place in all but six states and the District of Columbia. Several of the states already reporting HIV incidence by name include four with the largest populations of people living with HIV/AIDS: New York, Florida, Texas and New Jersey.

Under the Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization of 2000, the federal government will be allocating federal HIV/AIDS funds to states and local governments by number of HIV cases starting on October 1, 2006. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined the most accurate method of HIV test data collection is by name of the test subject. CDC will therefore accept only names-based data (The CDC only accepts data from those states who have a name-

based HIV tracking system; but the names themselves are not shared with federal officials). Current California law prohibits the reporting of persons with HIV disease by name unless they also have a diagnosis with AIDS. Therefore, California HIV reporting data, which are currently collected using a non-name code, will continue not to be accepted by Federal officials. So with the change to base federal funding on non-AIDS HIV cases, California could ultimately jeopardize up to \$50 million in federal HIV/AIDS funding unless it changes to a name-based reporting system.

Code-based HIV reporting under the current system has been proven to be unnecessarily burdensome. Laboratories must create partial codes and providers must report cases after creating a full name code. Providers and laboratories find the code-based HIV reporting system confusing and more time intensive than the name-based AIDS reporting system. Furthermore, the code-based system is prone to error and makes it difficult to follow up previously reported cases with providers or to complete case reports in a timely manner.

Opponents of name-based HIV reporting expressed concerns about confidentiality, but the HIV reporting system has the same measures that protect the confidentiality of AIDS case

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reporting. The State of California, which includes the City of Long Beach HIV Epidemiology Program, has no documented or reported cases of illegal or inappropriate disclosure of case information. Advocates are also concerned that a name-based system will deter people from HIV testing. However, no states with name-based HIV reporting systems have sustained patterns of lower HIV testing after implementation. Also, multiple recent studies have concluded that name-based reporting does not significantly deter high-risk persons from getting tested for HIV. Finally, Californians will still have access to anonymous testing sites in which healthcare providers do not know the name of the client and are also exempt from HIV reporting.

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### Introduction

Comprising nearly 50 square miles at the southernmost end of Los Angeles County, Long Beach has approximately a half-million residents, making it the fifth largest city in California and the 32nd largest in the United States (based on U.S. Census 2000). One of 61 health jurisdictions in California, the City of Long Beach has maintained the Health Department for more than 90 years.

Its size, diversity and geographic location in a major population center have made Long Beach particularly vulnerable to HIV and AIDS. With a cumulative incidence rate of 1092.25 AIDS cases per 100,000 residents (1981 through December 31, 2005), Long Beach's AIDS incidence rate per capita is 100 percent higher than the incidence rate for all of Los Angeles County (529.16 cases per 100,000) and more than double the rate for the State of California overall (411.70 cases per 100,000), indicating that AIDS continues to be a significant public health issue in the City of Long Beach (Table 1).

**TABLE 1**

COMPARISON OF CITY OF LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA CUMULATIVE AIDS INCIDENCE RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION, 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005.

	2000 Population	Number of AIDS Cases	Cumulative AIDS Incidence Rate
<b>City of Long Beach</b>	461,522	5,041	1092.25
<b>Los Angeles County</b>	9,519,338	50,373	529.16
<b>California</b>	33,871,648	139,449	411.70

Sources: California HIV/AIDS Reporting System, December 31, 2005  
Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Reporting System, December 31, 2005

The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500, requires that all diagnosed or suspected cases of AIDS as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) be reported within seven days to the local Health Officer. To facilitate reporting, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services maintains an HIV Epidemiology Program (funded by the State of California Department of Health Services Office of AIDS) which is responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating AIDS data.

### Cumulative Cases

Since its first AIDS case report in February 1983, a cumulative total of 5,041 AIDS cases has been reported in Long Beach through December 31, 2005. The cumulative case fatality rate of 51% percent is lower than California (58%) and Los Angeles County (59%). Of the 5,041 reported AIDS cases, 2,449 people are currently living.

### Race/Ethnicity

Of the 5,041 cumulative AIDS cases, more than half (59.1%) are White (Table 2). While Whites still comprise the majority of the reported cases, the number of HIV infections may be decreasing in this group. From January 2005 through December 2005, the percentage of AIDS cases reported in Whites was 45.0 percent. AIDS cases in Blacks, while contributing 18.0 percent to the cumulative cases, comprised 24.0 percent of the cases reported in the past year. Hispanic AIDS cases comprised more than a quarter (26.0%) of the cases reported in the last year, yet they make up 20.3 percent of the cumulative cases. The percentage of cases among Asian/Pacific Islanders during the past year (4.6%) is more than the 2.0 percent reported cumulatively (Table 2).

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**TABLE 2**

CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND PERCENT OF POPULATION REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH

	2000 Population	Percent of Population	Number of AIDS Cases	Percent of AIDS Cases
White, Not Hispanic	152,899	33.1%	2,978	59.1%
Black, Not Hispanic	66,836	14.5%	909	18.0%
Hispanic	165,092	35.8%	1026	20.3%
Asian/PI	60,329	13.1%	104	2.0%
Amer.Ind./Alaska Nat.	2,785	1.0%	12	0.2%
2 or More Races	13,581	2.9%	11	0.2*
Not Specified			1**	<0.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>461,522</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Collection for 2 or more races began January 1, 2003

\*\* These cases are pending investigation. Upon identification of race/ethnicity,

### Gender

The vast majority of AIDS cases in Long Beach are male (93.0 percent). However, the increasing percentage of female AIDS cases being reported each year suggests that more women may be becoming infected. During January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005, 10.8 percent of the cases reported were in females, compared with a cumulative percentage of 7.0 for cases reported as of December 31, 2005 (Table 3).

**TABLE 3**

AIDS CASES BY REPORT DATE AND GENDER, REPORTED JANUARY 1, 2005 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	January 2005 – December 2005	1981 – December 2005
<b>Male</b>	247 (89.2%)	4,688 (93.0%)
<b>Female</b>	30 (10.8%)	353 (7.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277 (100%)</b>	<b>5,041 (100%)</b>

### Age

Through December 31, 2005, almost half (46.5%) of the cumulative AIDS cases in Long Beach were diagnosed among people between the ages of 30 and 39. More than one-quarter of all cases were diagnosed among people between the ages of 40 and 49. This indicates that the majority of people with AIDS in Long Beach were infected in young adulthood. Fifteen percent of AIDS cases were diagnosed in people in their twenties, suggesting that a significant number of people with AIDS became infected during adolescence (Table 4).

**TABLE 4**

CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	No. of Male Cases	No. of Female Cases	TOTAL
<b>Under 13</b>	5 (0.1%)	4 (1.1%)	9 (0.2%)
<b>13-19</b>	17 (0.4%)	9 (2.5%)	26 (0.5%)
<b>20-29</b>	682 (14.5%)	81 (22.9%)	763 (15.1%)
<b>30-39</b>	2,206 (47.1%)	138 (39.1%)	2,344 (46.5%)
<b>40-49</b>	1,271 (27.1%)	78 (22.1%)	1,349 (26.8%)
<b>Over 49</b>	507 (10.8%)	43 (12.2%)	550 (10.9%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,688 (100%)</b>	<b>353 (100%)</b>	<b>5,041 (100%)</b>

### Exposure Category

Almost eighty percent of all adult male AIDS cases reported through December 31, 2005 in Long Beach reported male-to-male sexual contact (MSM) as a mode of transmission. An additional 9.9 percent reported both male-to-male sexual contact and injection drug use (IDU). Nearly seven percent of male AIDS cases reported injection drug use as the sole risk behavior. Two percent of male cases report being infected through heterosexual contact (Table 5).

Among women in Long Beach, however, heterosexual contact and injection drug use are the prevalent modes of HIV transmission. Of all adult female AIDS cases reported in Long Beach, close to 58.0 percent were infected through heterosexual contact. Thirty-three percent were infected through injection drug use. About three percent were infected through the receipt of blood transfusions or blood components, while the remaining cases (5.7%) have reported no risk or are currently under investigation (Table 6).

The predominant mode of HIV exposure in children is perinatal transmission (90.0%) (Table 7).

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**TABLE 5**  
CUMULATIVE ADULT MALE AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY AND RACE/ETHNICITY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/PI	Am. I./Al. Nat.	Multi-race	Unk.	TOTAL (Row%)
<b>Sex between men</b>	2,424	495	728	82	6	7	1	3,743 (79.9%)
<b>Sex between men/IDU</b>	287	95	78	0	4	0	0	464 (9.9%)
<b>Injection Drug Use</b>	124	120	59	1	0	1	0	305 (6.5%)
<b>Heterosexual Contact</b>	23	32	32	5	0	0	0	92 (2.0%)
<i>With IDU</i>	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	10
<i>With Transfusion Recipient</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<i>With Person with HIV/AIDS</i>	19	27	29	5	0	0	0	80
<b>Transfusion</b>	6	2	5	1	0	0	0	14 (0.3%)
<b>Adult Hemophilia</b>	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	12 (0.3%)
<b>Pediatric Hemophilia</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2 (<0.1%)
<b>Risk Not Reported</b>	16	11	20	4	0	0	0	51 (1.0%)
<b>TOTAL (Column %)</b>	2,891 (61.7%)	756 (16.1%)	923 (19.7%)	94 (2.0%)	10 (0.2%)	8 (0.2%)	1 (<0.1%)	4,683 (100%)

**TABLE 6**  
CUMULATIVE ADULT FEMALE AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY AND RACE/ETHNICITY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/PI	Multi-race	Other/Unk.	TOTAL (Row %)
<b>Injection Drug Use</b>	33	60	20	0	1	1	115 (33.0%)
<b>Heterosexual Contact</b>	44	73	73	9	2	1	202 (58.0%)
<i>With Bisexual Male</i>	6	1	3	0	0	0	10
<i>With IDU</i>	13	18	9	1	0	1	42
<i>With Transfusion Recipient</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
<i>With Hemophiliac</i>	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
<i>With Person with HIV/AIDS</i>	25	53	60	6	2	0	146
<b>Transfusion</b>	5	3	1	1	0	0	10 (2.9%)
<b>Pediatric Hemophilia</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 (0.3%)
<b>Risk Not Reported</b>	3	12	5	0	0	0	20 (5.7%)
<b>TOTAL (Column %)</b>	85 (24.4%)	149 (42.8%)	99 (28.4%)	10 (2.9%)	3 (0.9%)	2 (0.6%)	348 (100%)

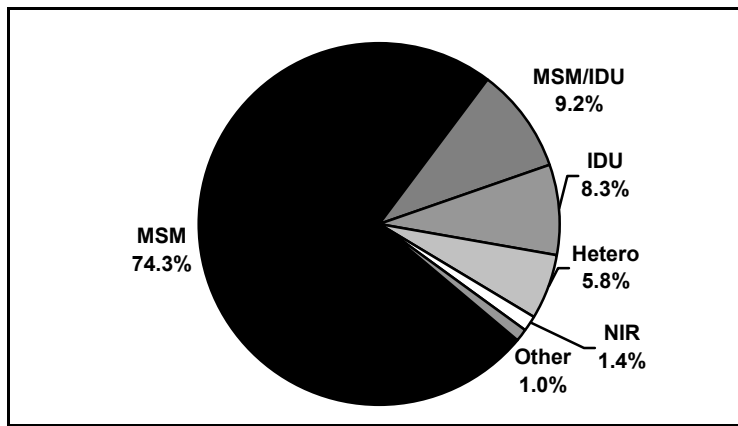
**TABLE 7**  
CUMULATIVE PEDIATRIC AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY AND RACE/ETHNICITY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	White	Black	Hispanic	TOTAL (Row %)
<b>Mother with Risk</b>	1	4	4	9 (90.0%)
<b>Transfusion</b>	1	0	0	1 (10.0%)
<b>TOTAL (Column %)</b>	2 (20.0%)	4 (40.0%)	4 (40.0%)	10 (100%)

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Combined, about three-quarters (74.3%) of Long Beach AIDS cases report sex between men as a risk factor. Eight percent report intravenous drug use. Another nine percent report both sex between men and injection drug use. Close to six percent of Long Beach cases report heterosexual contact as the sole risk. One percent of AIDS cases in Long Beach are the result of a blood/blood product transfusion or pediatric transmission. The remaining cases did not report a risk or are currently under investigation to elucidate possible modes of transmission further (Figure 1).

**FIGURE 1**  
CUMULATIVE AIDS CASES BY EXPOSURE CATEGORY, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.



Total Cases = 5,041

Other = Transfusion or transplant recipient, hemophilia, and pediatric cases.

### AIDS Defining Conditions

The AIDS surveillance system represents cases that have met the AIDS case surveillance reporting criteria established by the CDC. In 1993, the AIDS surveillance case definition was expanded to include a laboratory measure of severe immunosuppression (CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts of less than 200 cells/ $\mu$ l or a percent of total lymphocytes less than 14), pulmonary tuberculosis, invasive cervical carcinoma, and recurrent bacterial pneumonia. Prior to 1993, the surveillance definition included only opportunistic illnesses.

### Mortality Rates

Table 8 presents the annual and cumulative fatality rates of AIDS cases reported in Long Beach by the year of diagnosis. The presented rates are comparable to those of Los Angeles County, California, and the United States.

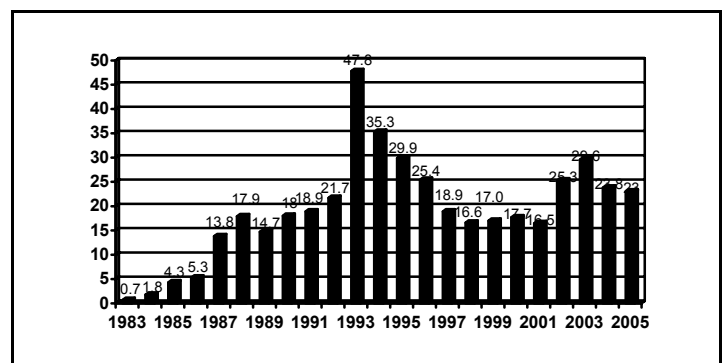
**TABLE 8**  
AIDS CASE MORTALITY BY YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

Year	Diagnosed Cases	Deaths	Fatality Rate for Cases Diagnosed in Year	Cumulative Fatality Rate
Before 1992	1,530	1,413	—	92%
1992	407	332	82%	90%
1993	354	229	65%	86%
1994	312	167	54%	82%
1995	318	125	39%	78%
1996	292	78	27%	73%
1997	223	47	21%	70%
1998	196	41	21%	67%
1999	216	32	15%	64%
2000	223	39	17%	61%
2001	199	24	12%	59%
2002	228	26	11%	57%
2003	197	13	7%	55%
2004	209	16	8%	53%
2005	137	10	7%	51%
TOTAL	5,041	2,592	—	51%

### Impact of Changes in the AIDS Case Definition

The surveillance definition of AIDS was modified in 1985, 1987 and 1993 to reflect increased knowledge of the manifestations of HIV disease. These expanded definitions present challenges in analyzing case trends. For example, expanding the surveillance case definition in 1993 to include HIV-infected individuals with CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts below 200 cells/ $\mu$ l resulted in a number of new cases being reported as well as with the implementation of HIV Reporting in July of 2002 (Figure 2).

**FIGURE 2**  
AVERAGE REPORTED AIDS CASES PER MONTH, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.



## Survival Status

By analyzing the data presented in Table 9 and comparing relative proportions of the living and the deceased, changes in the local epidemiology of advanced HIV disease may be detected as living cases are representative of more recent infections. For instance, a higher number of Blacks (20.5%) and Hispanics (26.2%) are currently living with AIDS than are deceased (15.7% and 14.9%, respectively). This demonstrates a shift toward increasing HIV infections in minorities. Similar changes are seen in the gender, age, and exposure categories.

**TABLE 9**  
AIDS CASES BY SURVIVAL STATUS AND DEMOGRAPHICS, REPORTED 1981 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

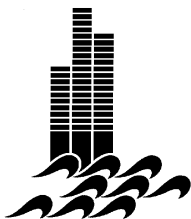
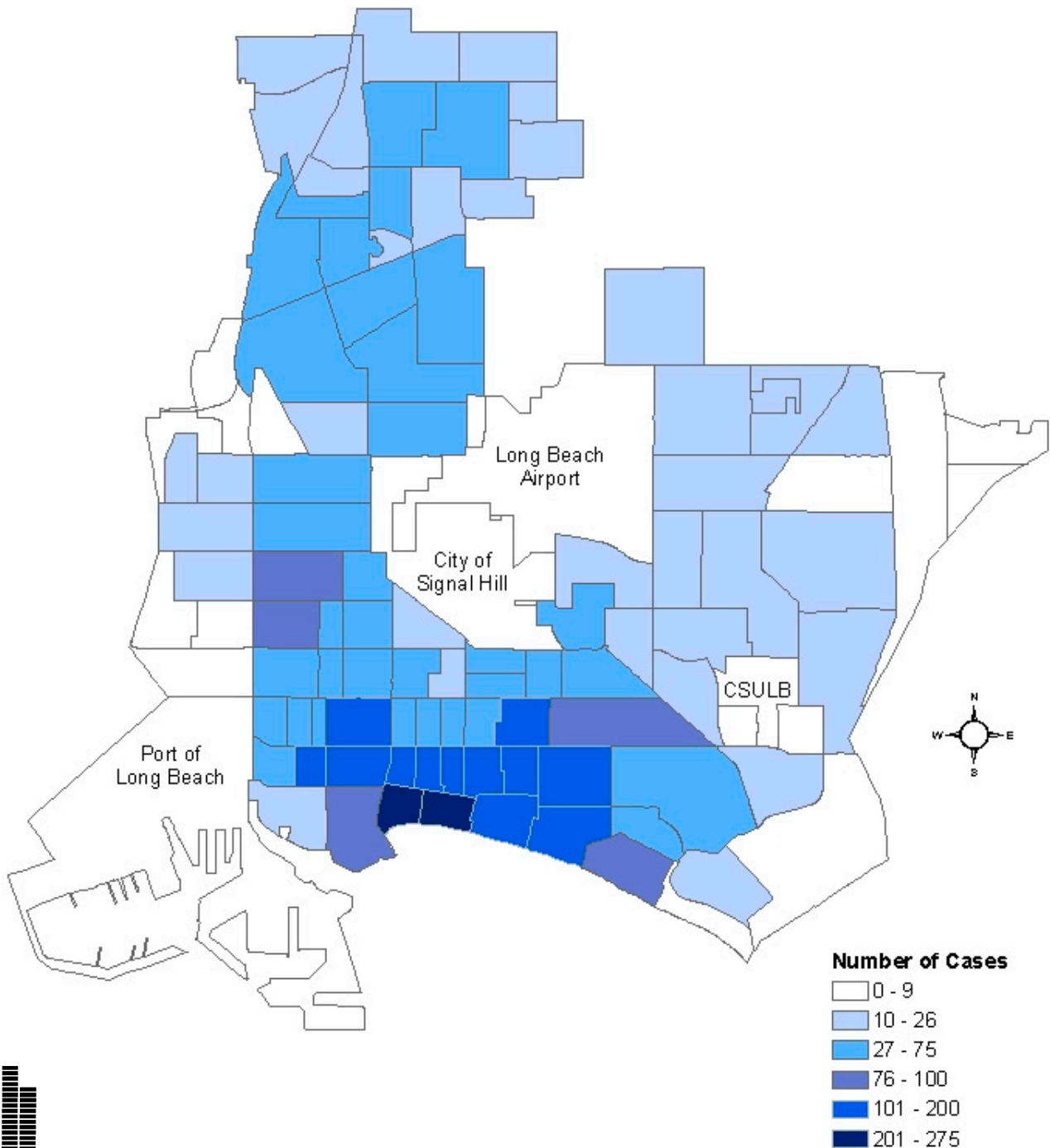
Case Profile	Living	Deceased
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	2,215 (90.4%)	2,473 (95.4%)
Female	234 (9.6%)	119 (4.6%)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White, Not Hispanic	1,228 (50.1%)	1,750 (67.5%)
Black, Not Hispanic	501 (20.5%)	408 (15.7%)
Hispanic	641 (26.2%)	385 (14.9%)
Asian/PI	64 (2.6%)	40 (1.5%)
Am. Ind./Alaska Nat.	6 (0.2%)	6 (0.2%)
Multi-race	9 (0.4%)	2 (<0.1%)
Unknown	0 (0.0%)	1 (<0.1%)
<b>Age</b>		
Age <13	3 (0.1%)	6 (0.2%)
13-19	20 (0.8%)	6 (0.2%)
20-29	384 (15.7%)	379 (14.6%)
30-39	1,141 (46.6%)	1,203 (46.4%)
40-49	675 (27.6%)	674 (26.0%)
50+	226 (9.2%)	324 (12.5%)
<b>Exposure Category</b>		
Sex between men	1,755 (71.7%)	1,988 (76.7%)
Sex between men/IDU	243 (9.9%)	221 (8.5%)
Injection Drug Use	200 (8.2%)	220 (8.5%)
Heterosexual Contact	210 (8.6%)	84 (3.2%)
Hemophilia	3 (0.1%)	9 (0.3%)
Transfusion	6 (0.2%)	19 (0.7%)
Perinatal Transmission	5 (0.2%)	7 (0.3%)
NIR	27 (1.1%)	44 (1.7%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,449 (100%)</b>	<b>2,592 (100%)</b>

## Geographic Information System

Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based mapping technology, which combines geographical data and events such as a population, disease cases, vital statistics, socioeconomic indicators, and many other data sources to generate maps for spatial analysis. The Health Department uses GIS to monitor the health status of the community by assessing epidemiological data. This analysis determines which diseases and conditions account for the greatest morbidity and mortality in the City which allows for more localized efforts in health promotion and disease prevention efforts.

AIDS surveillance data is used to map cases by geographic location such as zip codes and census tracts in Long Beach. Geographic analysis of data allows for the provision of HIV/AIDS screening and prevention services to be targeted to individuals that are at a greater risk for infection. Mapping AIDS cases in the City may allow for a greater level of targeted outreach in the areas with a higher number of cases. Map 1 demonstrates the cumulative number of reported AIDS cases at time of diagnosis among City residents from 1983 through December 31, 2005 by census tract. This map does not take into the account the migration of individuals with AIDS moving in and out of Long Beach.

# MAP 1: Cumulative AIDS Cases By Census Tract Reported through December 2005 City of Long Beach



Total Cases = 5,041

Source: City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, HIV Epidemiology Program.

\*Census tracts could not be determined for 270 Long Beach AIDS cases and therefore are not reflected in this map.

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### HIV ANTIBODY TESTING PROGRAM

The Health Department provides both anonymous and confidential HIV antibody testing to the public. HIV antibody testing also occurs through other venues in the City of Long Beach, including private physicians, hospitals and clinics. These data reflect City-administered testing programs only.

The City has maintained data on both anonymous and confidential HIV antibody testing since the programs began. In January 1990, the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS implemented the HIV Test Reporting System, a computer program that collects demographics on clients and their test results to generate reports valid to local testing sites and to improve data reporting to the Office of AIDS.

*“Data represents each client visit and services provided. The basic tabulated information is this client visit/service unit. A client may have made more than one HIV-related visit; each visit may be reported separately. A client may have received more than one service from different funding sources on the same visit — each reported separately. It is important to keep in mind that these data represent counseling and testing services through these programs and should NOT be interpreted as representing persons or the population of [Long Beach] in general. Recipients of these services are a highly self-selected group.”*

*California HIV Testing and Counseling Monthly Report, 2/90*

#### Anonymous Testing

The Alternative Test Site (ATS) program was developed for individuals wanting to know their HIV antibody status anonymously. The HIV antibody test administered in an ATS setting addressed the concern that individuals at risk for HIV infection might donate blood to determine their antibody status if blood banks were the only source of free and easily accessible testing. ATS began here in Long Beach in June 1985 and two testing sites currently exist (Table 12 and 13).

**TABLE 12**

ANONYMOUS HIV ANTIBODY TESTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP, APRIL 1988 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	# of Tests	% of Total	# of Pos.	% Pos.
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	50,835	56.0%	1,730	3.4%
Black	12,582	13.9%	408	3.2%
Hispanic	19,921	21.9%	687	3.4%
Asian/PI	5,114	5.6%	86	1.7%
Am. Ind./Alaska Nat.	585	0.6%	33	5.6%
Other/Unknown	1,746	1.9%	40	2.3%
<b>Age Group</b>				
12-19	5,583	6.1%	41	0.7%
20-29	37,160	40.9%	1,087	2.9%
30-39	28,218	31.1%	1,213	4.3%
40-49	12,865	14.2%	475	3.7%
50-59	4,639	5.1%	126	2.7%
60+	2,255	2.5%	38	1.7%
Unknown	63	0.1%	4	6.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,783</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,984</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

\* Prior to April 1988, no testing data were collected by race/ethnicity or age group.

**TABLE 13**

ANONYMOUS HIV ANTIBODY TESTS BY GENDER AND EXPOSURE CATEGORY, JUNE 1985 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	# of Tests	% of Total	# of Pos.	% Pos.
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	73,614	67.8%	5,181	7.0%
Female	34,806	32.1%	206	0.6%
Other/Unknown	82	0.1%	2	2.4%
<b>Exposure Category</b>				
MSM	31,971	29.5%	4,058	12.7%
Bisexual	7,787	7.2%	600	7.7%
IDU	3,693	3.4%	95	2.6%
MSM/IDU	893	0.8%	148	16.6%
Hemophiliac	26	<0.1%	4	15.4%
Transfusion Recipient	1,431	1.3%	19	1.3%
Heterosexual	30,276	27.9%	153	0.5%
High Risk Sex Partner	17,470	16.1%	178	1.0%
Occupational	785	0.7%	2	0.3%
No Risk Stated	11,681	10.8%	77	0.7%
Unknown	2,489	2.3%	55	2.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,502</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,389</b>	<b>5.0%</b>



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### Confidential Testing

Confidential testing (CTS) began in 1988; this report reflects data gathered beginning January 1989. These data include individuals tested confidentially for HIV antibody status at the Health Department or through special outreach testing efforts. The confidential testing report includes data collected from

**TABLE 14**

CONFIDENTIAL HIV ANTIBODY TESTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, JANUARY 1989 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, CITY OF LONG BEACH.

	# of Tests	% of Total	# of Pos.	% Pos.
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	32,087	59.8%	576	1.8%
Female	21,468	40.0%	106	0.5%
Other/Unknown	127	0.2%	3	2.4%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	15,674	29.2%	206	1.3%
Black	17,297	32.2%	267	1.5%
Hispanic	15,071	28.1%	176	1.2%
Asian/PI	3,844	7.2%	21	0.5%
Am. Ind./Alaska Nat.	413	0.8%	4	1.0%
Other/Unknown	1,383	2.6%	11	0.8%
<b>Age Group</b>				
Under 12	23	<0.1%	0	0.0%
12-19	6,846	12.8%	16	0.2%
20-29	21,949	40.9%	227	1.0%
30-39	13,235	24.7%	271	2.0%
40-49	7,787	14.5%	124	1.6%
50-59	2,861	5.3%	32	1.1%
60+	884	1.6%	14	1.6%
Unknown	97	0.2%	1	1.0%
<b>Exposure Category</b>				
MSM	2,637	4.9%	224	8.5%
Bisexual	1,709	3.2%	101	5.9%
IDU	3,174	5.9%	62	2.0%
MSM/IDU	350	0.7%	55	15.7%
Hemophiliac	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%
Transfusion Recipient	266	0.5%	3	1.1%
Heterosexual	23,242	43.3%	89	0.4%
High Risk Sex Prtnr	10,182	19.0%	98	1.0%
Occupational	261	0.5%	0	0.0%
No Risk Stated	9,336	17.4%	46	0.5%
Unknown	2,524	4.7%	7	0.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,682</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

tests performed at Health Department clinics.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

These data reflect statistical monitoring activities aimed at identifying the entire range of HIV infection in Long Beach.

*Data presented in this report are provisional due to reporting delays.*

### Surveillance and Reporting of AIDS<sup>1</sup>

The AIDS Classification System represents cases that have met the AIDS case surveillance reporting criteria established by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services. In September 1992, the CDC proposed the inclusion of three conditions: pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia, and invasive cervical cancer, and HIV-infected adolescents and adults who have CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts less than 200 cells/μL or a CD4+ percentage of less than 14, in addition to the clinical conditions listed in the 1987 surveillance case definition. This revised classification was implemented in January 1993. Persons who meet the criteria for more than one definition category are classified hierarchically in the following order: pre-1987, 1987, and 1993. Persons in the 1993 definition category only meet the 1993 definition.

Caution should be used when interpreting monthly statistics, because they can vary month to month due to a variety of factors. Therefore, looking at the long-term trends for a complete analysis of the AIDS data is necessary. Similar caution should be used in the interpretation of small numbers cases, as analyses based on small numbers are more likely to yield incorrect conclusions due to random or systematic error.

Age group tabulations are based on the person's age at diagnosis of AIDS: adult/adolescent cases include persons 13 years of age and older; pediatric cases include children under 13 years of age.

Men who have sex with men (MSM) cases include men who report sexual contact with other men (i.e., homosexual contact) and men who report sexual contact with both men and women (i.e., bisexual contact).

Heterosexual contact cases include persons who report either specific heterosexual contact with a person with (or at increased risk for) HIV infection (e.g., injecting drug use).

Undetermined cases are persons with no reported history of exposure to HIV through any of the routes listed in the hierarchy of transmission categories. These cases include: persons whose exposures are currently under investigation by local health department officials; persons whose exposure history is incomplete because they died, declined to be interviewed, or were lost to follow-up; and persons who were interviewed or for whom other follow-up information was available and no exposure mode was identified. Persons who have an exposure mode identified at the time of follow-up are reclassified into the appropriate exposure category.

Race/Ethnicity<sup>2</sup> is classified by the individual reporting the AIDS case. Usually, race/ethnicity is self reported by the patient upon enrollment with the health care provider. The definitions below represent those classifications as effectively as possible.

White, Not Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East.

Black, Not Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian/Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands and Samoa.

American Indian/Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North American, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Not Specified: Race/ethnicity was not identified and/or reported at the time of diagnosis and report. These cases are currently under investigation. Upon identification of race/ethnicity, cases will be reclassified into the appropriate category.

Incidence rate<sup>3</sup> is defined as the number of new cases of a specified disease diagnosed or reported during a defined period of time, divided by the number of persons in a state population in which the cases occurred. This is usually expressed as cases per 1,000 or 100,000 per annum. This rate may be expressed as age- or gender-specific or as specific for any other population characteristic or subdivision.

Prevalence rate<sup>3</sup> is defined as the total number of persons sick or portraying a certain condition in a stated population at a particular time, or during a stated period of time, regardless of when that illness or condition began, divided by the population at risk of having the disease or condition at the point in time or midway through the period in which they occurred.

<sup>1</sup> Definitions used here were taken mostly from the CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, Technical Notes section.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Register. August 28, 1995. Volume 60, Number 166. Notices, pp. 44692-44693.

<sup>3</sup> Control of Communicable Diseases Manual. Abram S. Benenson, Editor. Sixteenth Edition, 1995.

**HIV/AIDS RESOURCES****National Hotlines**

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Services	800-TRIALS-A
CDC Hearing Impaired AIDS Hotline (TTY)	800-243-7889
CDC Labor Responds to AIDS Resource Service	800-458-5231
CDC National HIV/AIDS Hotline	800-342-AIDS
CDC Spanish HIV/AIDS Hotline	800-344-7432
CDC National Prevention Information Network	800-458-5231
CDC National STD Hotline	800-227-8922
AIDS Statistical Information Line (Recorded Information)	888-232-3299
Fax Information Service Line	888-232-3299
General Info. (including info on HIV/AIDS) (Recorded Information)	888-232-3299
HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service	800-HIV-0440
Project Inform (HIV Treatment Hotline)	800-822-7422
National Pediatric HIV Resource Center	800-362-0071

**State AIDS Hotlines**

California (Southern) (English)	800-922-AIDS
California (Southern) (Spanish)	800-400-SIDA
California (Northern) (Spanish and English)	800-367-AIDS
California (Northern) (Tagalog)	800-345-AIDS
California (Northern) (TDD)	888-225-AIDS

**NOTICE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISEASE REPORTING**

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500 requires that all diagnosed or suspected cases of AIDS as defined by CDC must be reported within seven (7) days to the Health Officer. To obtain information on the CDC AIDS case definition, to obtain case report forms or to report a case, contact:

**City of Long Beach**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**HIV Epidemiology Program**  
**2525 Grand Avenue**  
**Long Beach, CA 90815**  
**Phone (562) 570-4311**  
**[www.longbeach.gov/health](http://www.longbeach.gov/health)**

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### Attention Health Care Providers

The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500, requires the report of communicable diseases and conditions. To report a case of a communicable disease, contact the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology Program at 562-570-4302 or by fax at 562-570-4374.

#### Reportable Communicable

<b>Diseases</b>	Dengue ☞	Listeriosis ☞FAX	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	Typhus Fever
HIV/AIDS ☞	Diarrhea of the Newborn ☞	Lyme Disease	Rubella (German Measles)	Varicella (deaths only) ☞
Amebiasis ☞FAX	(Outbreaks)	Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis ☞FAX	Rubella Syndrome, Congenital	<i>Vibrio</i> Infections ☞FAX
Anisakiasis ☞FAX	Diphtheria ☞	Malaria ☞FAX	Salmonellosis ☞FAX	Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers ☞
Anthrax ☞	Domoic Acid Poisoning ☞	Measles ☞FAX	Scombroid Fish Poisoning ☞	Water-associated Disease ☞FAX
Babesiosis ☞FAX	Echinococcosis	Meningitis ☞FAX	Shigellosis ☞FAX	Yellow Fever ☞
Botulism ☞	Ehrlichiosis	Meningococcal Infections ☞	Smallpox (variola) ☞	Yersiniosis ☞FAX
Brucellosis ☞	Encephalitis ☞FAX	Mumps	Streptococcal Infections ☞FAX	<b>OCCURRENCE of ANY</b>
Campylobacteriosis ☞FAX	<i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7 ☞	Non-Gonococcal Urethritis	(Outbreaks of Any Type and Individual Cases in Food Handlers and Dairy Workers Only)	<b>UNUSUAL DISEASE ☞</b>
Chancroid	Foodborne Disease ☞FAX †	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning ☞	Swimmer's Itch ☞FAX	<b>OUTBREAKS of ANY DISEASE ☞</b>
Chlamydial Infections	Giardiasis	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Syphilis ☞FAX	<u>Reportable Noncommunicable</u>
Cholera ☞	Gonococcal Infections	Pertussis (Whooping Cough) ☞FAX	Tetanus	<u>Diseases/Conditions</u>
Ciguatera Fish Poisoning ☞	<i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> ☞FAX	Plague, Human or Animal ☞	Toxic Shock Syndrome	Alzheimer's Disease
Coccidioidomycosis	Hantavirus Infections ☞	Poliomyelitis, Paralytic ☞FAX	Toxoplasmosis	Cancer
Colorado Tick Fever ☞FAX	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome ☞	Psittacosis ☞FAX	Trichinosis ☞FAX	Disorders Characterized by
Conjunctivitis, Acute Infectious of the Newborn ☞FAX	Hepatitis, Viral ☞FAX	Q Fever ☞FAX	Tuberculosis ☞FAX	Lapses of Consciousness
Cryptosporidiosis ☞FAX	Kawasaki Syndrome	Rabies, Human or Animal ☞	Tularemia ☞	
Cysticercosis	Legionellosis	Relapsing Fever ☞FAX	Typhoid Fever ☞FAX (Cases and Carriers)	
	Leprosy	Reye Syndrome		
	Leptospirosis	Rheumatic Fever, Acute		

☞FAX = Report by FAX, telephone, or mail within one (1) working day of identification.

† = Report immediately by telephone when two (2) or more cases or suspected cases of foodborne disease from separate households are suspected to have the same source of illness.

☞ = Report immediately by telephone.  
All other diseases/conditions should be reported by FAX, telephone, or mail within seven (7) calendar days of identification.